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Title

The South China Sea issues: what's next?

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Panel description

The situation was very tense at the beginning of 2020 in the South China Sea. The territorial dispute between China, Vietnam, the Philippines and some other countries was at its peak, the shrinking fish stock raised tensions between fishermen and the freedom of navigation has become a sensitive political matter. But the appearance of Covid-19 and pandemic confronted Asian governments and industries with unprecedented challenges. One year after, how everything has developed and how is the situation for each of the protagonists? Has maritime policy changed? Have the discussions led to an agreement on sharing fisheries resources? Have new development models emerged? What situation are we in today? The issues on territorial sovereignty have been solved, it is a status quo or the situation has worsened? This paper aims to analyze the changes that have occurred for the countries bordering the South China Sea. Specific emphasis will be given to communities living on the shores of the South China Sea in the aftermath of the pandemic. In order to encourage maximum participations, the specifications for the call are kept deliberately open-ended.

Key words: South China Sea – Economy – Geopolitics – Maritime issues – Resources

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